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ARTICLE 17

The present treaty shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at London, within the period of one year from the date of signature.

Done in duplicate, in English and Spanish, this first day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

In witness whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the present treaty and have affixed thereto their seals.

(L. S.) CECIL GOSLING.
(L. S.) CLAUDIO PINILLA.

CONVENTIONS ADOPTED BY THE FOURTH CENTRAL AMERICAN CONFERENCE. MANAGUA, JANUARY 1–11, 1912 [1]

Convention regarding the annual reports to the next Central American Conferences

The Governments of the Republics of El Salvador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Honduras, through their respective delegates to the Fourth Central American Conference, which met in Managua on the first day of January of the present year, to wit:

For Salvador, Dr. Cayetano Ochoa; for Costa Rica, Dr. Manuel Echeverría y Aguilar; for Nicaragua, Dr. Máximo H. Lepeda; for Guatemala, Licenciate Manuel García Girón; for Honduras, Licenciate Saturnino Medal,

Desiring that the conferences to be held in the future shall be accurately informed in regard to the matters considered in previous conferences, as well as of the condition of each case, so as to have a better understanding of the same, have agreed to conclude a convention to this end, under the following stipulations:

1st. The governments of the five republics agree to submit, through their delegates, to the Central American Conferences to be held in the future, a detailed report containing the following matters:

(a) The decrees issued by the executive in regard to the treaties concluded by the annual conferences.

[1] *Boletin del Ministerio de Relaciones of the Republic of Salvador*, Vol. IV, No. IV, pp. 245–249.

(b) On what dates said conventions have been considered and approved or rejected by the assembly, and when those which have been approved are to become effective, or if they are to be put in force subject to some alteration.

(c) If the reports should state that the executive has not submitted some treaty to the consideration of the assembly, or that the National Representative has not approved the same (said reports shall contain), a statement of the reasons for the first case or the objections for the second, so that the conference may consider the one or the other.

2nd. Each one of the contracting parties shall notify all the others of the ratification of the present convention by the legislative power, said notice to be considered as the exchange of the ratifications.

Signed in the City of Managua, on the fifth day of January, nineteen hundred and twelve.

(Signed) CAYETANO OCHOA.
(Signed) MANUEL ECHEVERRIA.
(Signed) MÁXIMO H. LEPEDA.
(Signed) MANUEL MA. GIRÓN.
(Signed) SATURNINO MEDAL.

Convention to regulate the unified Central American Consular Service

The Governments of Salvador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Honduras, taking into consideration that through previous conventions they have resolved to unify their consular representation, and that in order to give more effectiveness to the ends sought by those conventions there is absolute need to regulate said service, they have found it convenient to conclude a convention to that end, and for this purpose have appointed as delegates:

Salvador, Dr. Cayetano Ochoa; Costa Rica, Dr. Manuel Echeverría y Aguilar; Nicaragua, Dr. Máximo H. Lepeda; Guatemala, Licenciate Manuel Maria Giron; Honduras, Licenciate Saturnino Medal.

Who, after having communicated their respective full powers, found in due form, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Central American International Bureau is hereby requested to prepare a regulation for the Central American Consular Service, specifying the consulates to be unified and fixing the salaries therefor according to their importance.

ARTICLE II

Said regulation shall contain a detailed statement of the qualifications which those persons appointed as consuls must have, as well as their duties and powers, and whatever may tend, through them, to promote the development and growth of Central American interests abroad.

ARTICLE III

Provision shall likewise be made with reference to any powers which it may be found convenient to grant to the consuls in order to encourage immigration in any republic desiring the same.

ARTICLE IV

For the preparation of said regulation, the Bureau shall gather all the data and instructions which the chancelleries of the five republics may furnish to that end; and, as soon as finished, a copy of the same shall be sent to each one of the governments for their approval thereof.

ARTICLE V

This convention shall in no way be an obstacle to compliance with the provisions contained in the previous conventions in regard to this matter.

ARTICLE VI

Each one of the contracting parties shall notify all the others as soon as its legislative body ratifies the present convention, said notice to take the place of the exchange of ratifications.

Signed in the city of Managua in five identical originals, on the fifth day of January, nineteen hundred and twelve.

(Signed) CAYETANO OCHOA.
(Signed) MANUEL ECHEVERRIA.
(Signed) MÁXIMO H. LEPEDA.
(Signed) MANUEL M. GIRÓN.
(Signed) SATURNINO MEDAL.

Convention for the improvement and safety of the telegraphic service between the five Republics of Central America

The Governments of Salvador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Honduras, in order to improve the existing telegraphic service between the five republics, as they consider this reform of vital importance to them, have deemed it convenient to conclude a convention to that end, and for this purpose have appointed as their delegates:

Salvador, Dr. Cayetano Ochoa; Costa Rica, Dr. Manuel Echeverria y Aguilar; Nicaragua, Dr. Máximo H. Lepeda; Guatemala, Licenciate Manuel Maria Girón; and Honduras, Licenciate Saturnino Medal,

Who, finding their respective powers in due form, have agreed as follows:

1st. Each of the states shall establish on its own account a modern system of wireless telegraphy, placing in the Pacific and Atlantic ports and in each of the capitals of the Central American Republics, wireless stations of sufficient reach so as to be able to communicate with each other either directly or through intermediate stations.

2nd. It is provided that technical studies shall be undertaken by the telegraph directors of the five republics in order to reform the present telegraphic lines so that each country shall communicate with the adjoining one through the shortest and safest way. Said study shall be finished three months after the present convention is approved by the respective governments; and the corresponding works shall be started immediately so that the lines may be in operation as soon as possible.

This shorter way shall, in due time, be used to establish telephone lines to connect the five republics with each other.

3rd. It is agreed that the telegraphic administrative bureau of the five states shall exchange their respective regulations and orders, so that each of them may adopt and put in practice the important improvements which may be found therein.

4th. Each one of the contracting parties shall notify all the others as soon as its legislative body ratifies the present convention, said notice to take the place of the exchange of ratifications.

Signed in Managua, on the ninth day of January, nineteen hundred and twelve.

(Signed) CAYETANO OCHOA.
(Signed) MANUEL ECHEVERRIA.
(Signed) MÁXIMO H. LEPEDA.
(Signed) MANUEL M. GIRÓN.
(Signed) SATURNINO MEDAL.

Convention to establish a postal and telegraphic money order service in Central America

The Governments of Salvador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Honduras, desiring to further by all means possible transactions tending to protect the commercial interests of the five Central American

Republics, and being convinced of the great usefulness which postal and telegraphic money orders shall lend to that purpose, have agreed to conclude a convention in order to establish such an important service, and to this end have appointed as their delegates:

Salvador, Dr. Cayetano Ochoa; Costa Rica, Dr. Manuel Echeverria y Aguilar; Nicaragua, Dr. Máximo H. Lepeda; Guatemala, Licenciate Manuel Maria Girón; and Honduras, Licenciate Saturnino Medal,

Who, having found their respective powers in due form, have agreed as follows:

1st. The postal and telegraphic money order service is hereby established between the five republics.

2nd. Said service shall be under the control and security of the respective governments.

3rd. The Central American International Bureau is requested to draw up the corresponding regulations, in conformity with the conventions established by the Universal Postal Union and with the corresponding telegraphic regulations in force, and by agreement with the governments; to be in force as soon as the present convention becomes law.

4th. Each of the contracting parties shall notify all the others as soon as its legislative body ratifies the present convention, said notice to take the place of the exchange of ratifications.

Signed in Managua, on the tenth day of January, nineteen hundred and twelve.

(Signed) CAYETANO OCHOA.
(Signed) MANUEL ECHEVERRIA.
(Signed) MÁXIMO H. LEPEDA.
(Signed) MANUEL MARIA GIRÓN.
(Signed) SATURNINO MEDAL.

Convention for the improvement of maritime communications in Central America

The Governments of Salvador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Honduras, being convinced that the facilities of communication between the five republics will be a source of mutual advantage to all of them and will effectively contribute to their political union, in order to carry out such an important purpose have appointed as their delegates:

Salvador, Dr. Cayetano Ochoa; Costa Rica, Dr. Manuel Echeverria y Aguilar; Nicaragua, Dr. Máximo H. Lepeda; Guatemala, Licenciate Manuel Maria Girón; and Honduras, Licenciate Saturnino Medal.

The delegates, having met at the presidential house, and after having communicated their respective full powers, found in due form, have agreed as follows:

1st. The contracting parties bind themselves to secure the establishment of a fast, regular and comfortable maritime communication between their ports in each of the two oceans, preferably with national vessels and, in lieu thereof, by contract with corporations, companies or private individuals.

2nd. As soon as this convention is ratified, each of the governments of Central America shall appoint a commission which shall undertake the necessary studies and gather all the information and data which it might deem useful to the attainment of said purpose.

3rd. These same governments shall likewise appoint commissions which are to meet in the city of San Salvador six months after the last ratification of this convention has been notified; and said commissioners, in view of the studies and information referred to in the preceding clause, shall decide, by common agreement and in detail, the best means to comply with what has been stipulated.

4th. Each of the contracting parties shall notify all the others as soon as its legislative body ratifies the present convention, said notice to take the place of the exchange of ratifications.

Signed in the city of Managua, on the tenth day of January, nineteen hundred and twelve.

(Signed) CAYETANO OCHOA.
(Signed) MANUEL ECHEVERRIA.
(Signed) MÁXIMO H. LEPEDA.
(Signed) MANUEL MARIA GIRÓN.
(Signed) SATURNINO MEDAL.

Convention to establish international railway communications in Central America

The Governments of Salvador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Honduras, fully realizing that the facilities of railway communication will be a source of advantage to all of them and will effectively contribute to their political union, in order to carry out such an important purpose, have appointed as their delegates:

Salvador, Dr. Cayetano Ochoa; Costa Rica, Dr. Manuel Echeverria y Aguilar; Nicaragua, Dr. Máximo H. Lepeda; Guatemala, Licenciate Manuel Maria Girón; and Honduras, Licenciate Saturnino Medal.

The delegates having met at the presidential house, and after communicating their respective full powers, found in due form, have agreed as follows:

1st. Each of the signatory states binds itself to establish communications between its territory with that of the adjoining states, either directly through a railway system, or by making use of the Fonsecá Gulf and the navigable lakes and rivers, to which end it shall construct new lines or extend those already existing.

2nd. The place or places in the respective boundaries where the junction of the communicatory lines between the different republics is to be established, shall be decided upon by agreement between the two interested states.

3rd. The works to which the preceding clause refers may be carried out by the governments, or through corporations, companies, or private individuals, and must begin at the latest two years after this convention is approved by the five states. In the meantime, the governments are advised to connect their territories through wide and well constructed roads.

4th. Each of the contracting parties shall notify all the others as soon as its legislative body ratifies the present convention, said notice to take the place of the exchange of ratifications.

Signed in Managua, on the tenth day of January, nineteen hundred and twelve.

(Signed) CAYETANO OCHOA.
(Signed) MANUEL ECHEVERRIA.
(Signed) MÁXIMO H. LEPEDA.
(Signed) MANUEL M. GIRÓN.

As a recommendation:

(Signed) SATURNINO MEDAL.

Convention for the establishment of commissions of Central American relations

The Governments of Salvador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Honduras, wishing to better insure compliance with the conventions signed in the Central American Conferences and the accomplishment of the ends sought by the latter, have decided to conclude a convention to this effect and have appointed as delegates:

Salvador, Dr. Cayetano Ochoa; Costa Rica, Dr. Manuel Echeverria y Aguilar; Nicaragua, Dr. Máximo H. Lepeda; Guatemala, Licenciate Manuel Maria Girón; Honduras, Licenciate Saturnino Medal;

Who, after having communicated their respective full powers, found in good form, have agreed as follows:

1st. Each of the signatory states shall appoint a commission subordinate to the Ministry of Foreign Relations, which shall:

(a) Undertake to secure the approval of the resolutions adopted by the Central American Conferences.

(b) Furnish the Central American International Bureau and the commissions of the other states with all data which they might need for the preparation of their work.

(c) Exercise all other powers which the respective governments might deem it convenient to grant them.

2nd. In those states wherein the commissions, the establishment of which was recommended by the Third International American Conference by its resolution of August 13, 1906, are already organized or should in the future be organized, the respective governments may grant to said commissions the powers referred to in the present convention.

3rd. Each of the contracting parties shall notify all the others as soon as its legislative body ratifies the present convention, said notice to take the place of the exchange of ratifications.

Signed in Managua, on the eleventh day of January, nineteen hundred and twelve.

(Signed) CAYETANO OCHOA.
(Signed) MANUEL ECHEVERRIA.
(Signed) MÁXIMO H. LEPEDA.
(Signed) MANUEL MA. GIRÓN.
(Signed) SATURNINO MEDAL.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN ADOPTING WITH CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS THE RULES AND METHOD OF PROCEDURE RECOMMENDED IN THE AWARD OF SEPTEMBER 7, 1910, OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COAST FISHERIES ARBITRATION [1]

Signed at Washington, July 20, 1912; ratifications exchanged November 15, 1912

The United States of America and His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, being desirous of concluding

[1] U. S. Treaty Series, No. 572.